Production of non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations

3087. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations produced by M/s. Hoechst, Glaxo, German Remedies, Ranbaxy and Organon;

(b) what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise and what was the price at commencement of DPCO, 1987 and now and what is the percentage increase or decrease;

(c) whether it is a fact that the turnover of each is more than Rs. 50 lakhs but still they have been kept outside price control ; and

(d) whether the details in Form 1A and form 2A have been received in respect of all of them and if not, what are the products in respect of which details are yet to be received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The production of non-scheduled bulk drugs monitored by the Department, produced by these companies is given below :

S. No.	Name of drug	Name of Co.	Year	Production (Unit—T)
1.	Glibenclamide . . .	Hoechst	1989-90	2.42
			1990-91	2.49
			1991-92	2.80
2.	Tolbutamide . . .	Do.	1989-90	6.33
			1990-91	7.90
			1991-92	5.26
3.	Hydroxy Ethyl Theophylline .	German Remedies	1989-90	57.33
			1990-91	70.47
			1991-92	70.76
4.	Diazepam	Ranbaxy	1989-90	0.75
			1990-91	0.78
			1991-92	0.20

However, production of formulations is not monitored. The wholesale price index of drugs and medicines has increased by about 24% during the period 1987-88 to 1991-92.

(c) Aspects of price control form part of the Review of the Drug Policy, 1986 in regard to which a Background Note has been placed on the Table of the House on 12-8-92 for discussion.

(d) Information in Form 1A and Form 2A are required to be furnished only when price revision is effected by the concerned manufacturer.

Direction to BICP for reduction in prices of bulk drugs

3088. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 468 given in Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government directed BICP to reduce the prices of bulk drugs and formulations based on those drugs due to exemption and concessions on custom duties on raw materials going into the production of those drugs;

(b) if so, when was such direction sent;

(c) whether Government have received any report from BICP;

(d) if so, when and what are the details thereof and what action has been taken; and

(e) when Government approached drug industry associations to reduce the prices voluntarily and what is the outcome of such an approach?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) After the announcement of Custom Duty Concessions in the Budget for the year 1993-94, BICP was asked to workout the revised prices of bulk drugs and formulations on 18th March, 1993. Based on the data available with the Govt., the prices of 35 indigenously produced bulk drugs have been reduced w.e.f. 17th June, 1993: BICP has also recommended the revised

prices of formulations based on 40 bulk drugs which are either totally or substantially imported. These prices have already been revised by the Government.

(e) After the announcement of Budget for the year 1993-94, the Government had written to the Industry Associations to advise their members to reduce the prices of non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations. The Organisation of Pharmaceutical Producers of India (OPPI) has reported that their members have reduced the prices of some de-controlled products due to reduction of custom duty.

Production of essential drugs

3089. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of essential drugs is falling year after year ;

(b) if so, what are the names of drugs needed for National Health Programmes whose production has fallen and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the names of drugs being monitored by Government whose production has fallen and what was the production of each during last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that drug companies are concentrating more on digestives and tonics instead of medicines having therapeutic value ;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Hathi Committee recommended that each company should produce 20 per cent essential drugs compulsory;

(f) if so, whether Government are incorporating such a decision in the proposed policy; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (d) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The production of drugs in the counry is satisfactory in general and adequate to meet the local requirements. Fall in production in individual cases is due to various reasons like introduction of therapeutically equivalent New drugs, drug obsolescence etc.

(e) to (g) A Background Note for discussion on the review of the Drug Policy, 1986 has been laid on the Table of the House on 12-8-1992.

Safeguards to check the production of illicit liquor

3090. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the safeguards Government propose to institute to check the increased production of illicit liquor after the decontrol of molasses; and

(b) whether any discussions have been held with State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Following rescinding of the Molasses Control Order, 1961 and the Ethyl Alcohol (Price Control) Order, 1971 the State Governments have been advised to exercise strict vigilance on undue diversion of molasses to the potable alcohol sector. They have also been asked to take steps to check the flow of molasses for illicit distillation under the State Laws.

Enquiry against IDPL employees

3091. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to the unstarred question 386 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29-4-93 and state :

(a) what are the reasons for not furnishing complete details of the directions of dates June 1, 89, June 22, 89 and July 11, 1989;

(b) the reasons for not supplying the copies of the contents of directions of the referred dates as requested in the referred question ;

(c) whether is it a fact that the concerned official had informed the management on 3-8-89 that the enquiry was not routine as it was linked with certain allegations against him by the then Dir. (Mktg.) and they are described in the aide-memoire already with the company with reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the management was not replying any of the letter and putting economic pressure on the said official by their delaying tactics with reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) The question relates to a former Marketing Executive of IDPL whose services were terminated by the company in accordance with the provisions of Conduct, Discipline and Appeal Rules of the company. For